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TEHRAN FOR CODEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : OREP (PERCY, CHARLES)

SUBJECT : CODEL PERCY

REF : MANAMA 0010

1. FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 11 FIRM (LOCAL TIMES):

1300 - ARRIVE, PROCEED TO GULF HOTEL, (MRS. PERCY AND
MRS. TWINAM TO MAKE PLANS FOR AFTERNOON AT THIS
POINT; MR. MEISSNER AND MR. FENTRESS WELCOME TO
ACCOMPANY SENATOR ON ALL AFTERNOON CALLS)

1400 - VISIT WITH COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE ABOARD
USS LASALLE (5 MINUTES FROM HOTEL)

1500 - LEAVE LASALLE FOR RIFA'A PALACE

1530 - CALL ON SHAIKH ISA BIN SULMAN AL KHALIFA, AMIR
OF BAHRAIN

APPROXIMATELY 1600 RETURN FROM RIFA'A WITH UP TO 30 MINUTES
FOR SIGHTSEEING ENROUTE

1700 - INFORMAL MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES U.S. BUSINESS
COMMUNITY IN AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE

1800 - RETURN TO GULF HOTEL

2000 - SMALL DINNER PARTY AT RESIDENCE (BUSINESS SUIT)
(CAR AT HOTEL 1945)

2. STEFAN KEMBALL, EDITOR OF BAHRAIN-BASED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
WEEKLY GULF MIRROR HAS LEARNED OF SENATOR'S VISIT AND RE-
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QUESTED BRIEF INTERVIEW. KEMBALL AND MIRROR ARE REPUTABLE

AND REASONABLY WELL DISPOSED. KEMBALL SAYS HE WOULD FOCUS
INTERVIEW ON TWO MAIN QUESTIONS: 1) WHAT PARTICULAR INTEREST
PROMPTS SENATOR'S ORIENTATION VISIT TO AREA?; AND 2) HOW DOES
SENATOR SEE U.S. ATTITUDES AND POLICY TOWARD MIDDLE EAST
EVOLVING? GOB DOES NOT INTEND ARRANGE PRESS CONFERENCE BUT
HAS NO OBJECTION GULF MIRROR INTERVIEW. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT
WOULD BE HELPFUL. IF SENATOR PERCY AGREES WE WILL SET IT UP
FOR 1745 IN AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE. THERE IS POSSIBILITY
REUTER'S REPRESENTATIVE AND LOCAL ARAB WEEKLIES MAY LEARN OF
VISIT AND ALSO SEEK INTERVIEWS. IF SO, WOULD SENATOR OBJECT
TO THEIR BEING INCLUDED IN KEMBALL'S INTERVIEW? PLEASE
ADVISE.
TWINAM

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